

Appendix B

Public Comments at the Public Hearing

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah J. Nicholas
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May 2008

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Sofield:

Ask Remo about the press dated December 2006, are you aware of anything being done in the intervening time period?

Remo:

no, that was my concern, is this something that involves long island power authority and keyspace energy?

Sofield,

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Lake:

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Says will talk to public works and find out what's going on with it and see what's happening in the mean time.

Sofield:

President Sofield ask if anyone has any other questions regarding this item, then closes the hearing.

Appendix C

Intended Response to Public Comments

RESPONSE to Public Comments

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RESPONSE: The City will post future draft annual reports for its Stormwater Management Program on the website.

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RESPONSE: The list has been received, and the corrections have been made in the final report

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RESPONSE: The City is teaming with Nassau County in joint public education and outreach program, and the next comment shows that Town literature is reaching City residents as well. The City will consider additional ways "do a better job" if specifics are offered.

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RESPONSE: The City will review the appearance of Town of Hempstead's mailing and take action to improve the appearance if appropriate.

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RESPONSE: The County has a program to visit schools to increase awareness of students of the pollutants that are commonly found in stormwater runoff and how to reduce this potential. The City will request that the County provide this program to the local schools.

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RESPONSE: The City agrees and is pleased that the storm drain markers have gotten a favorable review.

RESPONSE to Public Comments

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RESPONSE: The County has prepared printed materials for landscapers (though only in English). The City has passed the suggestion of a Spanish version to the County. The City will have this literature at the licensing office and give copies to landscapers when they apply for a City license.

Page 11 should not state "there were no public comments".

RESPONSE: The draft report did not state that there were not public comments on page 11. Neither of the two boxes was checked because the draft was prepared beforehand. The final report indicates that there were comments for two residents.

Page 15 states only ten summons for nuisance by dog. The city has to do a much better job with enforcement in this area.

RESPONSE: The City DPW will inform the City PD of the foregoing comment and request that the PD take appropriate action.

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RESPONSE: The foregoing inquiry was reviewed and found not to pertain to the Draft Year 5 Annual Report. As can be seen from the discussion, the City DPW is looking into the matter as an independent topic.